

THE TAX ON MINERALS

Compromise Measure Adopted by the House Yesterday.

BIG INCREASE IN REVENUE

The Corporation Bill Considered, but No Vote Reached Upon It—Bills That Were Offered and Referred.

The most important action of the General Assembly yesterday was the adoption by the House of the compromise measure relating to the taxation of mineral lands, which met the views of all parties. The bill was drawn by Hon. Rufus A. Ayers and offered by Mr. Carter, of Scott. It provides for a special assessment of mineral lands, to be made by commissioners of revenue, the assessment to be certified to the Corporation Commission. Inadequate or excessive taxes may be rectified by appeal to the Circuit Courts and finally to the Court of Appeals. It is estimated that this bill will increase the revenue from this subject of taxation from seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars annually.

The Senate devoted the day to consideration of the committee bill embracing status relating to cities and towns. The bill was introduced by Mr. Donohue, and was referred to the Committee on Municipalities.

The Senate was called to order at the usual hour by President pro tem, Wickham. Prayer was offered by Rev. George Cooper, D. D., of the Baptist Church. Mr. Donohue had the committee bill making a change in the special road law for Fairfax county. The bill was taken up out of its order and passed. On motion of Mr. Lyle, the Senate bill appropriating \$125,000 to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute was reported by the Finance Committee, was made a special order for Thursday, May 7th.

On Mr. Clayton's motion, the Senate bill providing for the liability of common carriers, adversely reported from committee, was made a special order for Friday.

The special order, the committee bill relating to the government of cities and towns, which has been on the calendar for a week or more, was taken up by the Senate, and occupied the attention of the body for the remainder of the session. The bill is a printed document of some fifty pages, much of which is consumed by re-nested sections. The only discussions were as to the amendments to the bill. Mr. Halsey, who had charge of the bill on the floor, explained its provisions by stating that there was nothing new in the bill, which was not required by the Constitution and in conformity therewith. It was not the purpose of the bill, he said, to interfere with any of the existing city charters.

No amendments of any consequence were adopted, and the bill was practically completed when it was laid aside to receive the reports of the Courts of Justice. Committee on Municipalities, which are printed in full elsewhere in this issue.

After fixing a date for action on the reports, the Senate, at 2:30 o'clock, adjourned until to-day.

The House began its session at noon without prayer. Speaker Ryan was in the chair, and about sixty members were present.

Upon motion of Mr. Boye, of Albemarle, House bill No. 112, which Mr. Calton is the patron, provides for the assessment and collection of taxes on mineral lands and on improvements, fixtures and machinery thereon.

The expected fight over the bill did not come. As it was read by Mr. Carter, of Scott, arose to offer a substitute. In the nature of a compromise, upon which both sides might unite, the original bill, he declared, imposed a hardship upon owners of mineral lands, and the substitute was more of the nature of an equitable adjustment. Mr. Boaz also spoke in behalf of the substitute and outlined the essential differences between it and the original bill.

The vote resulted in the adoption of the substitute without a dissenting vote. The substitute is largely the work of General Rufus A. Ayers, who is considered to be exceptionally well posted in

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matters relating to control and taxation of mineral property. It provides for a special assessment of mineral lands every two years by the commissioners of revenue, who are required to certify the assessment to the Corporation Commission. If the commission is excessive, it is empowered to direct the Commonwealth's attorney of the county in which the land is located to proceed in the Circuit Court to have the assessment rectified. The substitute differed from the original bill in the essential particular that final discretionary power be vested in the circuit judges instead of the Corporation Commission.

Among other advantages the substitute, it is estimated, will be the source of from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars' revenue, whereas in the case of the original proposition the extent of the revenue would be about twelve of fifteen thousand dollars.

THE CORPORATION BILL. The remainder of the session, until a few minutes before 2 o'clock, when the House adjourned, was devoted to a consideration of the Senate amendments to House bill No. 112 conforming the law in relation to corporations to the provisions of the new Constitution. The bill is an excellent long one and there are multitudinous amendments of a minor character. Each amendment was read and passed by without any very strenuous objections. When the vote upon the bill as amended was about to be put, Mr. Sipe asked for a postponement until the members could obtain copies of it and give more careful consideration to the charges.

At this point a motion to adjourn until noon to-day prevailed.

By Mr. S. M. Newhouse: A bill to establish a "Good Roads Commission" for Culpeper county and to provide for the expenses thereof.

By Mr. Whitehead: To amend and re-nest the title of an act entitled "An act to prohibit the establishment and location of small-pox hospitals or pest-houses within fifty yards of any street, public road or public cemetery in any city, town or county of the Commonwealth, or to hereafter establish any such hospital or pest-house within one hundred and fifty yards of any public road, public park or public cemetery in any county of the Commonwealth," approved March 16, 1903.

By Mr. Stafford: To amend and re-nest section 13 of an act entitled "An act to amend a new charter for the town of Pulaski, approved February 2, 1893."

By Mr. Powers: To amend an re-nest section 448 of the Code as amended by act approved January 22, 1894, in relation to the number of commissioners of the revenue, so as to provide for one commissioner for each ministerial district of the Commonwealth.

By Mr. Heermans: Petitions of citizens in mass-meeting of Montgomery county as to distribution of road funds.

The petition, which has thirty-five signatures, reads as follows: Citizens of Montgomery county, Va., in mass-meeting assembled humbly petition the Legislature now in session to incorporate in the new law being enacted a provision guaranteeing each community in the several road districts of the counties their just proportion of the funds collected for the improvement of the roads thereof.

By Mr. West: An act to amend and re-nest an act entitled "An act to amend and re-nest section 681 of the Code of Virginia in regard to submitting the question of liquor license to the qualified voters of counties and municipal districts," approved February 2, 1898.

At the Theatres.

Joseph Jefferson will appear at the Academy on Friday night in "Tip Van Winkle." He is playing in only a few cities this season, and local theatre goers may consider themselves greatly favored that they have this opportunity to see him in one of his famous characterizations. He will be supported by a company which includes: Mr. John Jack, Mr. George W. Denham, Mr. W. W. Jefferson, Mr. Francis Carlyle, Mr. Joseph Jefferson, Jr., Mr. Walter Warr, Miss Elliott, Miss Fagot, Miss Frances Pemberton, Blanche Bender, Iphigeneia, Dolly Onwellsa.

The setting of the first act of "M'Liss," now running to crowded houses at the Bijou, shows the mining camp of Eldorado, one of the early camps in California; the second, a canyon in the same mountains; the third, another view of the camps, and the last a golden gate scene, not far from Sacramento, with the grand old mountains for a background. The play fairly breathes the air of California in the early fifties, when all the adventures sought for the golden metal which was known to exist in its mountains. Not content with giving the famous play a very handsome production for its revival, the management has engaged an extremely strong company. The cast is headed by Nellie McHenry in the name part, "M'Liss."

Scenery plays an important part in the new melodramatic production, "A Ruined Life," which will be presented at the Bijou next week. Four massive sets of special scenery are used in the presentation.



Can you find Ethel's nurse? Solution of puzzle in yesterday's Times-Dispatch: Father is formed by the white space in the lower left-hand corner of the picture.

tion, and it portrays many beautiful stage pictures.

Manager R. L. Giffen left Norfolk for New York yesterday to organize and bring his dramatic stock here next week. The organization will open May 18th. Mr. Giffen has been unable to secure Margaret Illington for the leading roles, as she is to go to the coast with E. H. Sothorn.

Fairmount News

Lewellyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lamkin, on the Avenue, who has been ill for several months, is able to get out for a short time.

Rooney and Anderson, contractors, have broken ground for a large store near the corner of Twenty-second and T Streets.

Mr. Bradley, of Twelfth Street, expects soon to build several houses on Oakwood Avenue.

Mr. Henry Garnett, who was taken suddenly ill a few nights ago, is able to be out again.

Little Edith Smith, who has just gotten well of measles, whooping cough, is now quite sick with bronchitis and abscess of the eye.

Little Luther Cox is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Madison has improved so much in the last few days as to be able to be out.

Robert Smith, of Caroline county, is visiting his daughter.

Mr. C. L. Arnold is quite sick at his home.

Mrs. Charles P. Perkins and children spent yesterday with friends in East Richmond.

The cantata of "Queen Esther" will be repeated next Tuesday night at Cohan Hall on Twenty-fifth Street, near Broad, for the benefit of the Female Street Baptist Church. Several of Fairmount's talented singers will take part.

THIS RECALLS A GREAT DISASTER

A Large Crack Appears in the Upper Story of the Capitol.

Persons who work in the Capitol and those who frequent its historic halls were very much interested yesterday in the discovery that a crack nearly an inch at its greatest width had appeared in the floor about midway of the north side of the upper floor of the building. It is a curious coincidence that the weakening of the floor which resulted in this fissure occurred on the thirty-third anniversary of the memorable Capitol disaster.

The janitor, who was engaged in cleaning the building at the time, heard a sharp, cracking sound, and believing that something had fallen, turned to investigate, and discovered instead the startling fissure.

The crack opened about 3 o'clock in the afternoon of April 27th, the anniversary of the Capitol disaster of 1870, in which many lives were lost. The tearing apart of the floor indicates a weakness somewhere, apparently just over the same spot where the floor collapsed thirty-three years ago. Over the doorway of the hall of the House of Delegates, just below, is a crack, of no startling size, however.

The Capitol Commission is called to meet to-morrow evening, but this is a coincidence and not a consequence of this discovery.

Fulton News.

The members of Fulton Baptist Church are still in the dark as to whether Rev. J. Emerson Hicks will accept the call tendered him by them several weeks ago. They are anxiously awaiting his decision.

The Cup of Cold Water Circle of the Kings Daughters and Sons will give a musicale to-night at Nelson's Hall. It is to be given for charity and an excellent

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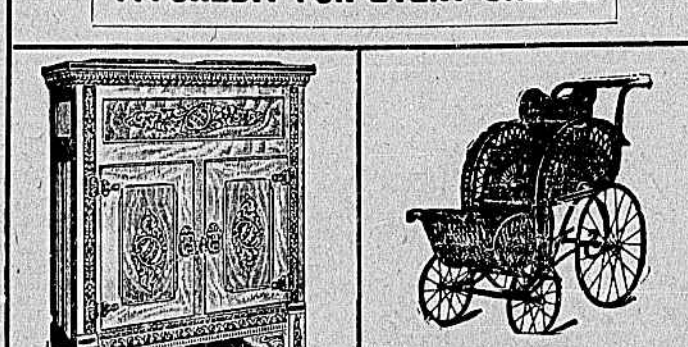
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An interesting programme, including addresses and music, has been arranged by the committee in charge. The Methodist ministers of the city, at a recent meeting, voted to attend this rally and several pastors will make addresses. There will also be short talks by several of the Methodist laymen in the interest of Christian work for the young people. Good delegations are promised from Centenary, Broad-Street, Liberty and other churches. Rev. R. M. Maxey of the Asbury Church, will be one of the speakers on this occasion. An invitation is extended to all persons interested in the Epworth League or other lines of church activity to attend the rally to-night.

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